

[English]

Garbage Based Power Projects

2893. SHRI RAM KAPSE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any NRI businessman has proposed to set up power plants based on garbage in Bangalore, Bombay, Delhi, Hyderabad and Pune; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b). No Sir. However, an Indian Company owned by an NRI has interacted with Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad and Pune Municipal Corporations for setting up power plants based on garbage. The details of their projects from the company have not been received by Municipal Corporations so far.

Patents in Pharmaceutical Products

2894. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for product patents in pharmaceuticals sector received by the Government till date alongwith the list thereof;

(b) the details of the applications approved/pending during the last three years; and

(c) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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2895. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the installed capacity of the insulator manufacturing factory of BHEL situated at Jagdishpur in Uttar Pradesh and the actual production of insulators during the last three years as compared to its installed capacity;

(b) the reasons for the less production as compared to the installed capacity;

(c) whether that factory is running into losses for a long time;

(d) if so, the total loss suffered by the factory as on 31st March, 1995; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to increase the capacity and efficiency of this factory;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The installed capacity and the production of BHEL's Insulator Plant at Jagdishpur during the last three years are as under:-

Capacity	In Ceramic MT		
	92-93	93-94	94-95
Installed	6000	6000	6000
Production	3617	4208	4349

(b) The plant manufactures insulators for which installed capacity in the country is far in excess of demand. As a result the market is limited and the prices are unremunerative due to severe competition.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As on 31st March, 95 the total loss suffered by the factory is Rs. 82.08 crores.

(e) New products like Fog and anti fog variety of insulators, Abrasion resistant ceramic lining, Impact resistant tiles, flash tiles and cordierite kiln furniture etc. have been taken up for manufacture.

Child Marriage Restraint Act

2896. SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Child Marriage Restraint Act is being violated every year in Rajasthan on the occasion of Akha Teej Festival;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to eradicate this social evil; and

(d) the achievements made by the Government during the last three years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). In order to stop this social evil, efforts are